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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment)
as follows:

Page 2, lines 3-14: rewrite as follows:

--This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/480,908, filed
June 7, 1995, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 123, 152, and 167 without prejudice or disclaimer of their
subject matter.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account 50-1066.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, lines 3-14: rewrite as follows:

--This application is a continuation in part of copending United States application Serial No. 08/480,908, filed June 7, 1995, the disclosure 08/396,414 filed on February 27, 1995 which is a continuation in part of United States application Serial No. 08/074,781 filed on June 10, 1993, which is a continuation in part of United States application Serial No. 07/698,674 filed on May 10, 1991 which is a divisional of application Serial No. 07/205,935 filed on June 13, 1988, now United States Patent No. 5,015,247, all of which are is incorporated herein by reference.--.